

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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NALCO S HOLD ON ALUMINIUM MARKET
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO) is losing its hold on the aluminium market inside the country and abroad;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps the Government propose to take to boost the production and marketing of aluminium in the country and abroad?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a), (b) & (c) The share of NALCO in the domestic market and the export of aluminium during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Domestic Market Share	Export of Aluminium in Metric Tonne (MT)
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1997-98	26%	55,475
1998-99	18%	39,865
1999-2000	22%	95,185

The projected export for 2000-2001 is estimated as 1,20,000 MT. The share of NALCO in domestic market has varied from year to year in recent past but the export of aluminium from NALCO has increased progressively except the year 1998-99 which was a bad year for NALCO due to the pot line failures in Aluminium Smelter. Thus NALCO is not losing hold on the aluminium market in the domestic market or in the quantum of the export sale of aluminium metal. NALCO is in a position to sell its product whether in domestic or in international market depending upon the best possible realisation. In order to increase the production of aluminium, Government has already approved the expansion of capacity of NALCO for production of aluminium from 2,30,000 Tonnes Per Year (TPY) to 3,45,000 TPY which is scheduled to be completed in May, 2002.